

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

SUMMARY OF LIVESTOCK STATISTICS, YEAR 1938.I. SHEEP AND WOOL.

1. Number of Sheep. The sheep flocks on December 31st 1938 numbered 9,936,586 (8,904,402) an increase of 1,032,184 on the record of 8,904,402 last year. The flocks were classified as follows :- Ewes 5,160,112 (4,559,997); Wethers 2,394,662 (2,183,312); Rams 135,262 (118,771); Under 1 year old 2,246,550 (2,042,322).

2. Breeds of Sheep were reported by owners as follows:- Merino 8,247,274, Corriedale 112,958, Dorset Horn 15,525, Leicester Border 14,170, Polwarth 6,224, Southdown 4,251, Romney Marsh 4,246, Suffolk 4,229, Shropshire 2,210, Ryelands 1,881, Leicester English 1,191, Lincoln 500, Hampshire Downs 180, Pure Breeds (not specified) 294, Merino Come-back 625,250. All Other (including Crossbred) 896,203.

3. Lambing, 1938. During 1938, 4,202,848 (3,662,227) Ewes were mated and 3,077,634 (2,476,804) Lambs marked, percentage 73.23 (67.63). The number of lambs marked exceeded the record of the previous year.

4. Winter Lambing 1939. 4,240,000 ewes were reported as either mated or intended to be mated for the Winter Lambing of 1939. In addition 240,000 ewes were expected to be reserved for Spring Lambing. Details for the 1939 winter lambing are being obtained and will be published later.

5. Wool Clip. 9,942,135 (8,654,764) sheep and lambs were shorn, the total clip including locks, bellies, pieces, etc. being 88,345,467 (74,893,269) lbs; an increase of 13,452,198 lbs. on the record clip of 74,893,269 last year. The average fleece for sheep and lambs combined was 8.89 (8.65) and for sheep only 10.51 (10.13) lbs.

6. Total Wool Production. Subject to slight revision, it is estimated that the grand total wool production including the clip and wool fellmongered and wool on local skins exported was 100,000,000 (86,606,388) lbs, increase 13,393,612 lbs. value £3,800,000 (£4,070,500) decrease £270,500 the average value per lb. greasy being 9.10d. (11.28d.).

II. CATTLE.

1. Numbers. All kinds 318,897 (324,163) decrease 5,266. Dairying Cattle 165,110 (164,903) increase 207, classified as follows :- In Milk 122,720 (122,447), Dry 29,979 (30,227) and Heifers springing 12,411 (12,229). In addition there were 14,067 (14,625) other Heifers

2. Butter and Cheese. Provisional 1938-39 Butter 20,650,000 (22,428,298) lbs. and Cheese 18,200,000 (15,516,879) lbs. Overseas Exports were - Butter 7,379,964 (8,848,241), Cheese 12,907,683 (10,109,467) lbs. The record production of cheese up to 1932-33 was 6,093,170 lbs. falling to 5,316,971 in 1933-34, since when each succeeding year has been a record. Cheese exports have increased from 1,578,780 lbs. in 1932-33 and 667,172 lbs. in 1933-34.

III. HORSES 195,834 (197,334) decrease 1,500.

IV. PIGS 71,292 (66,647) increase 4,645.

V. GOYDER'S LINE OF RAINFALL AND LIVESTOCK.

During the year 1938 the percentage to the total of sheep outside Goyder's line of Rainfall increased from 30.82 to 31.36, Cattle 30.77 to 32.42 and Horses from 26.60 to 26.86. The numbers within and without the line for 1938 were Sheep 6,820,084 and 3,116,502, Cattle 215,520 and 103,377, Horses 143,236 and 52,598.

VI. INTERSTATE MOVEMENT OF STOCK.

The State gained 21,655 head of cattle, 90,712 sheep and 72 horses by transit of stock between States. The total interstate imports were Sheep 304,106, Cattle 51,930, Horses 976 and Exports Sheep 213,394, Cattle 30,275, Horses 904.

VII. SLAUGHTERINGS.

Sheep and Lambs 2,007,312 (1,588,507), Cattle 160,044 (167,451), Pigs 124,692 (167,997). Oversea Exports 1938-39 were - 682,150 (376,893) carcasses lamb, 3,299 (440) carcasses mutton, 466,469 (991,863) lbs. Pork 466,925 (506,321) lbs. Beef, 1,879 (31,595) lbs. Veal.

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1. LIVESTOCK AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 1938 IN COMPARISON WITH DECEMBER 31st, 1937.

Division	SHEEP		CATTLE		HORSES	PIGS
	1938	1937	1938	1937	1938	1938
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central	2,026,822	1,899,302	112,107	111,582	56,277	36,028
Lower North	1,455,035	1,274,195	29,550	31,813	37,287	14,020
Upper North	937,564	887,823	16,434	17,827	12,756	3,019
South Eastern	1,896,803	1,786,095	57,832	54,559	12,557	3,472
Western	1,652,039	1,372,889	18,731	18,638	31,745	6,224
Murray Mallee	849,714	743,849	26,738	28,265	32,379	8,464
Total counties	8,817,977	7,964,153	261,392	262,684	183,001	71,227
Outside counties	1,118,609	940,249	57,505	61,479	12,833	65
Total State	9,936,586	8,904,402	318,897	324,163	195,834	71,292
Increase	1,032,184	999,290	-5,266	-3,850	-1,500	4,645

LIVESTOCK WITHIN AND WITHOUT GOYDER'S LINE OF RAINFALL 1936 to 1938.

Year	SHEEP		CATTLE		HORSES	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
WITHIN GOYDER'S LINE OF RAINFALL.						
1936	5,650,748	71.48	234,756	71.57	144,379	71.88
1937	6,159,853	69.18	224,411	69.23	144,837	73.40
1938	6,820,084	68.64	215,520	67.58	143,236	73.14
WITHOUT GOYDER'S LINE OF RAINFALL.						
1936	2,254,364	28.52	93,257	28.43	56,491	28.12
1937	2,744,549	30.82	99,752	30.77	52,497	26.60
1938	3,116,502	31.36	103,377	32.42	52,598	26.86

WOOL PRODUCTION.

Division	WOOL - CLIP			AVERAGE WEIGHT FLEECE		
	1938-39	1937-38	Increase	1938-39	1937-38	Increase
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Central	17,259,388	15,045,866	2,213,522	8.62	8.18	.44
Lower North	13,695,634	11,088,069	2,607,565	9.48	9.39	.09
Upper North	9,816,848	8,287,130	1,529,718	9.32	9.60	-.28
South Eastern	15,257,868	14,274,617	983,251	8.09	7.99	.10
Western	14,399,437	11,145,083	3,254,354	8.72	8.11	.61
Murray Mallee	7,188,421	5,733,945	1,454,476	8.89	8.59	.30
Total Counties	77,617,596	65,574,710	12,042,886	8.77	8.50	.27
Outside "	10,727,871	9,318,559	1,409,312	9.79	9.89	-.10
Total State	88,345,467	74,893,269	13,452,198	8.89	8.65	.24

Grand Total Wool Production (Clip, Fellmongered and on Skins exported) subject to slight revision, 1937-38 - 86,606,388 lbs., 1938-39 - 100,000,000 lbs., increase 13,393,612 lbs.

Minus sign denotes decrease.

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